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SUBJECT: MTN PROJECT FOR SUBGROUP ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

REF: STAE 24412

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL EMBASSY HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED MALAYSIA'S QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO GOM'S IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM. OUR 1975 ANALYSIS CONTINUES TO BE VALID. IN OUR VIEW THE MALAYSIAN IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM DOES NOT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPEDE IMPORTS OF U.S. INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL OR MANUFACTURED GOODS. THE LICENSING PROCEDURE DOES, OF COURSE, IMPOSE A LIMITED ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON IMPORTERS BUT THIS REQUIREMENT IS APPLIED UNIFORMLY AND WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION. THE BURDEN IS NOT GREAT. TRADE SOURCES INFORM US THAT THEY SUCCESSFULLY OBTAIN LICENSES WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED COMPLAINTS IN THIS AREA.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM IS TO PROVIDE THE GOM A MECHANISM TO GUIDE AND TO SOME EXTENT CONTROL THE TYPE AND QUALITY OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. IN
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PARTICULAR IT APPRECIATES THE FACT THAT EFFICIENCY IS REQUISITE TO COMPETING IN THE WORLD MARKETS. IN OUR VIEW IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE GOM WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUBSTANTIALLY ALTER THIS SYSTEM ALTHOUGH EXEMPTION OF SPECIFIC ITEMS COULD PROBABLY BE OBTAINED. IN OUR VIEW HOWEVER THE BENEFITS OF SUCH EXEMPTIONS WOULD BE MARGINAL. WE FEEL THEREFORE THAT U.S. REQUESTS WOULD BE MORE MEANINGFUL IF DIRECTED TO AREAS

OTHER THAN LICENSING. SIMILARLY WE DO NOT SEE OTHER THAN
MARGINAL BENEFIT DERIVING FROM REQUESTS IN NTB'S GENERALLY.
WE CONCLUDE THAT U.S. EXPORTS TO MALAYSIA WOULD BENEFIT MORE
FROM REQUESTS FOR TARIFF REDUCTIONS. WE ARE REVIEWING THE
U.S. REQUEST LIST PROVIDED THE MALAYSIANS IN GENEVA FOR THE
PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER ITEMS
WHICH SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND WILL TRANSMIT THE RESULTS WHEN
THE REVIEW PROCESS IS COMPLETED.
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